

# Funding Opportunities

## **State Revolving Fund Program**

**Administered:** EPA/IDEM

**Summary:** Low interest loans designed to assist communities with wastewater and drinking water needs. Projects include traditional wastewater treatment methods as well as nonpoint source management programs.

**Eligibility:** Cities, towns, regional sewer districts.

**How Much:** Fixed low interest loans (20yr) are provided to recipients (80% Federal : 20% State)

**Deadlines:** February 22

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/dwsrf/index.html>

## **Clean Water Act Non Point Source Grants (Section 319)**

**Administered:** EPA/IDEM

**Summary:** The Federal Clean Water Act Section 319(h) provides funding for projects that work to reduce nonpoint source water pollution. Funds may be used to conduct assessments, develop and implement TMDLs and watershed management plans, provide technical assistance, demonstrate new technology and provide education and outreach. The majority of Section 319 funds must be used for implementation projects. Only 20 % of the funds are available for planning, assessment and research. In addition, half of the funds must be used in watersheds containing impaired [303(d) listed] waterbodies.

**Eligibility:** Non-profit groups, universities, local & state government, government agencies.

**How Much:** Maximum of \$300,000 with a 25% match required.

**Application Deadline:** October 1.

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.in.gov/idem/water/planbr/wsm/319main.html>

## **Clean Water Act Planning Grants (Section 205(j))**

**Administered:** EPA/IDEM

**Summary:** The federal Clean Water Act Section 205(j) provides funding for water quality management planning. Funds are to be used to determine the nature, extent and causes of point and nonpoint source pollution problems and to develop plans to resolve these problems.

**Eligibility:** Organizations eligible for funding include municipal governments, county governments, regional planning commissions, and other public organizations. For-profit entities, nonprofit organizations, private associations and individuals are not eligible.

**How Much:** Maximum \$100,000. No match required.

**Application Deadline:** January 31

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.in.gov/idem/water/planbr/wsm/205jmain.html>

### **Clean Water Act Stormwater Grants (Section 104(b) (3))**

**Administered:** EPA/IDEM

**Summary:** Funding is available for projects that will develop, implement and demonstrate new and innovative concepts that will improve the effectiveness of the NPDES permit program, which regulates point source discharges of water pollution. Competitive projects: have local leadership; strong public involvement and support; comprehensively address how to reduce the pollution source; and seek to demonstrate management practices or processes that are new to the area. There are some restrictions to using 104(b)(3) funds. They cannot be used to fund any of the following: dredging; drainage or flood control; permit fees; or compliance with NPDES permits or enforcement actions.

**Eligibility:** State water pollution control agencies, interstate agencies, Tribes, colleges and universities, and other public or nonprofit organizations. For-profit entities, private associations and individuals are not eligible to receive this assistance.

**How Much:** Funds can be requested for up to \$100,000. There is a 5% in-kind or cash match required for 104(b)(3).

**Application Deadline:** January 31

**Web pages/Links:** <http://www.in.gov/idem/water/fasb/opersect/104b3/index.html>

### **Water Quality Cooperative Agreements (104 (b)(3))**

**Administered:** EPA

**Summary:** Funding for programs developing, implementing, and demonstrating new concepts or requirements that will improve the effectiveness of NPDES programs (CSO and Stormwater).

**Eligibility:** Non-profit organizations

**How Much:** There is a 5% in-kind or cash match required for 104(b)(3).

**Application Deadline:** End of January

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/waterquality.htm>

### **Wetlands Program Development Grants**

**Administered:** EPA

**Summary:** Provides financial assistance to support wetlands programs/projects or augmentation and enhancement of existing programs.

**Eligibility:** States, Local Governments

**How Much:** 1999 grants ranged from \$20,000 - +\$594,000.

Federal non-federal cost share is 75% - 25%.

**Application Deadline:** December 14

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.epa.gov/owow/wetlands/grantguidelines/>

### **Environmental Education Program**

**Administered:** EPA

**Summary:** To support environmental education programs and projects.

**Eligibility:** Non-profit organizations

**Application Deadlines:** Mid to late November

**How Much:** \$25,000, or less. 25% match required.

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.epa.gov/Region5/enved/grants.html>

### **Environmental Quality Incentives Program**

**Administered:** USDA/NRCS

**Summary:** Funding for projects to treat identified soil, water and related natural resource concerns on eligible land. Technical, financial and educational support is available. Half of which is targeted towards livestock related concerns and half of it toward general conservation.

**Eligibility:** Non-federal landowners engaged in livestock operations or agricultural productions.

**How Much:** Up to \$10,000 per person per year and up to \$50,000 over the length of a contract. Federal cost share support of up to 75%.

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/eqip/>

### **Conservation Reserve Program**

**Administered:** USDA/ Indiana Farm Service Agency

**Summary:** Funding for projects to control soil erosion. The goal of the program is to give farmers incentives to convert highly erodible land or other sensitive areas into vegetative cover such as native grasses, trees, and riparian buffers.

**Eligibility:** Agricultural land owners

**How Much:** Annual rental payments for the term of a multi year contract of up to \$50,000 per fiscal year. Funds are also available for up to 50% of cost of establishing vegetative cover.

**Application Deadline:** Continual sign up period

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/cepd/crp.htm>

### **Wetland Reserve Program**

**Administered:** USDA/NRCS

**Summary:** Program provides technical and financial assistance to land owners restoring marginal agricultural land to wetland. Easements range from 10-30 years. Landowners retain ownership.

**Eligibility:** Land owners who have owned their land for at least 12 months.

**How Much:** NRCS easement and restoration payments range from 75% - 100%

**Application Deadline:** Applications are always accepted.

**Web pages and Links:** <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp/>

### **Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program**

**Administered:** USDA/NRCS

**Summary:** Cost share and technical assistance to develop and improve wildlife habitat on private land.

**Eligibility:** Private landowners who are agricultural producers are eligible

**How Much:** 75% Federal Cost Share

**Application Deadline:** Continual Sign Up

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/whip/>

### **Conservation Security Program**

**Administered:** USDA/NRCS

**Summary:** Provides incentive payments for maintaining and increasing farm and ranch stewardship practices on working lands. The program promotes conservation and improvements to soil, water, and air quality.

**Eligibility:** Participation in the program stipulates that land practices must achieve resource and environmental benefits. Removal of land from production is not required.

**How Much:** 75% federal reimbursement on conservation practice chosen, with potential for additional assistance.

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/Publications/FM1872B.pdf>

### **Emergency Watershed Protection Program**

**Administered:** USDA/NRCS

**Summary:** The program is set up to respond to natural disaster induced emergencies. The project must be economically and environmentally justifiable.

**Eligibility:** Any land on floodplains that has been impaired within the last 12 months is eligible for funding, but landowners must be represented by a project sponsor, who must be a public agency.

**How Much:** NRCS may bear up to 75% of the construction cost of emergency measures. The remaining 25% must come from local sources and can be in the form of cash or in-kind services.

**Application Deadline:** All applications must be submitted within 10 days of the disaster for exigency situations and within 60 days of the disaster for nonexigency situations

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/ewp/>

### **SARE Producer Grant Program**

**Administered:** USDA

**Summary:** Grants for farm projects such as erosion and runoff control that are economically viable, environmentally sound, and socially responsible.

**Eligibility:** States and non-profit organizations.

**Application Deadline:** Mid July

**How Much:** Awards range from \$2,000 - \$15,000

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.sare.org/grants/index.htm>  
<http://www.sare.org/nrcsare/prod.htm>

### **Soil and Water Conservation Assistance**

**Administered:** USDA/NRCS

**Summary:** Cost share program available to farmers and ranchers addressing threats to soil, water, and related natural resources, including, grazing land, wetlands, and wildlife habitat.

**Eligibility:** Land owners and operators not in EQIP/WRP/CRP priority areas

**How Much:** The federal cost share will cover up to 75 percent of the cost of an eligible practice.

**Application Deadline:** Continual sign up

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/swca/>

### **Resource Conservation and Development Program**

**Summary:** Technical assistance is available for the planning and installation of approved projects specified in RC&D area plans, for land conservation, water management, community development, and environmental enhancement projects.

**Eligibility:** Land must be in RC&D area.

**How Much:** Cost share of up to 25% of the total cost of a project, not to exceed \$50,000

**Application Deadline:** Continual sign up

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/rcd/>

### **Forest Legacy Program**

**Administered:** USDA Forest Service

**Summary:** Designed to encourage the protection of privately owned forest lands. The program encourages and supports acquisition of conservation easements. Landowners are required to prepare a multiple resource management plan for the land as part of the conservation easement acquisition.

**Eligibility:** Private forest landowners

**How Much:** Federal government may fund up to 75% of program costs, with at least 25% coming from private, state or local sources.

**Application Deadline:** January 31, for priority but applications are accepted anytime.

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/programs/loa/flp.shtml>

### **Forest Land Enhancement Program**

**Administered:** USDA/NRCS

**Summary:** The program provides cost-share support for non-industrial private forest landowners to help them develop and implement Forest Stewardship Plans.

**Eligibility:** Non-industrial private forest land owners

**How Much:** Landowners are reimbursed for up to 75% of approved expenses, with a maximum of \$10,000 per year per landowner. In exchange, the landowner agrees to maintain and protect FLEP funded practices for a minimum of 10 years.

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/programs/loa/flep.shtml>  
<http://www.pinchot.org/pic/farmbill/CScompare.htm>

### **National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program**

**Administered:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**Summary:** Funds can be used for acquisition of interests in coastal lands or water, and for restoration, enhancement, or management of coastal wetland ecosystems.

**Eligibility:** All states bordering coastal areas including the Great Lakes

**How Much:** federal cost share of up to 50%.

**Application Date:** June 8<sup>th</sup>

**Web Page/Links:** <http://www.lacoast.gov/cwppra/national.htm>

### **North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grants**

**Administered:** U.S Fish and Wildlife Service

**Summary:** Provides matching grants to private or public organizations or to individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects including acquisition, enhancement, and restoration in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

**Eligibility:** Public or private, profit or non-profit agencies.

**How Much:** Cost share must be at a 1:1 federal to non-federal ratio.

**Application Deadline:** March 23 and July 6

**Web Page/Links:** <http://www.fws.gov/birdhabitat/NAWCA/grants.htm>

### **Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program**

**Administered:** U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**Summary:** Provides financial and technical assistance to private landowners through voluntary cooperative agreements. Priority projects include restoration of degraded wetlands, streams, and riparian areas.

**Eligibility:** Private landowners

**How Much:** Dollar for dollar federal to non-federal match.

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.fws.gov/partners/pdfs/partnersfs.pdf>

### **Planning Assistance to States Program**

**Administered:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Summary:** Funding assistance for preparation of comprehensive plans for development, utilization, and conservation of water and related land resources. Recent projects include water quality and conservation projects.

**Eligibility:** Non Federal entities

**How Much:** One to one federal to non-federal cost share, with annual allotments per state not to exceed \$500,000 per year.

**Application Deadline:** No deadline

**Web Pages/Links:** [http://www.educationmoney.com/prgm\\_12.110\\_emrg.html](http://www.educationmoney.com/prgm_12.110_emrg.html)

### **Project Modifications for Improvement of the Environment**

**Administered:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Summary:** Used to restore habitat and improve habitat that has been impacted by existing Corps projects.

**Eligibility:** States and non-governmental groups

**How Much:** 75% - 25% federal non-federal cost share.

**Application Deadlines:** Continual sign up

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.nab.usace.army.mil/whatwedo/civwks/CAP/1135.pdf>

### **Aquatic Ecosystems Restoration**

**Administered:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Summary:** Funds can be used for restoration and protection of aquatic habitat and water quality in lakes, rivers, and streams without any connection to existing Corps projects.

**Eligibility:** State and non-governmental groups.

**How Much:** 65% 35% federal non-federal cost share.

**Application Deadline:** Submit request for study at any time.

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.mvp.usace.army.mil/environment/default.asp?pageid=113>

### **Lake and River Enhancement Program**

**Administered:** Indiana DNR

**Summary:** Funding to reduce inflow of sediments and nutrients into lakes and rivers. Eligible projects include water quality monitoring and watershed projects.

**Eligibility:** Local entities, land planners, and development organizations.

**How Much:** Financial assistance of up to \$100,000 is available. Program also provides up to 80% cost share of approved watershed land treatment practices.

**Application Deadline:**

**Web Pages and Links:** <http://www.in.gov/dnr/soilcons/pdfs/lare.pdf>

### **Urban Forest Conservation Grants**

**Administered:** Indiana DNR

**Summary:** Projects that help to improve and protect trees and associated resources in urban areas.

**Eligibility:** Municipalities, non-profit organizations

**How Much:** One to one matches ranging from \$2,000 to \$20,000

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.state.in.us/dnr/outdoor/planning/scorp/dnrresourcemanual.pdf>

### **Classified Wildlife Habitat Program**

**Administered:** Indiana DNR

**Summary:** Incentive program to foster private wildlife habitat management through tax reduction and technical assistance. Landowners need 15 or more acres of habitat to be eligible.

**Eligibility:** Private landowners with at least 15 acres of land.

**How Much:** Tax reductions

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/hunt/classified.pdf>

### **Classified Forest Program**

**Administered:** DNR

**Summary:** Program allows landowners to set aside at least 10 acres of land as forest. In return owners receive property tax breaks, forestry literature, and technical assistance.

**Eligibility:** Private landowners with 10 acres of land.

**How Much:** Lands are eligible for Assessments at \$1.00 an acre. Property taxes are then paid based on that assessment.

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.state.in.us/dnr/forestry/privateland/clasfor.htm>



**Nisource Environmental Challenge Fund**

**Administered:** NiSource

**Summary:** Funding for projects designed to preserve, protect, or enhance the environment in areas served by NiSource or a subsidiary.

**Eligibility:** Non-profit and grassroots organizations and other community groups.

**How Much:** Awards are usually between \$500 and \$5000. Funding available for up to 80% of a projects cost.

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.nisource.com/enviro/ecf.asp>

**2002 IPL Golden Eagle Environmental Grant**

**Administered:** Indianapolis Power & Light

**Summary:** Provide funds for projects that will preserve, protect, enhance or restore environmental and biological resources throughout the state.

**Eligibility:** Municipalities, states, non-for profits, etc.

**How Much:** Grants will not exceed \$10,000.

**Web Pages/Links:**

[http://www.ipalco.com/ABOUTIPALCO/Environment/Golden\\_Eagle/Golden\\_Eagle\\_Application.html](http://www.ipalco.com/ABOUTIPALCO/Environment/Golden_Eagle/Golden_Eagle_Application.html)

**Great Lakes Aquatic Habitat Network & Fund**

**Administered:** Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council

**Summary:** Provide financial support to advocacy activities that strengthen the role of citizens working locally to protect and restore shorelines, inland lakes, rivers, wetlands, and other aquatic habitats.

**Who:** Grassroots organizations working to protect habitat in the Great Lakes Basin.

**How Much:** \$500 -\$3,500

**Application Deadline:** September 30, 2002 for fall funding.

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.glahabitat.org/Eligibility.html>

**Great Lakes Basin Program for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control**

**Administered:** Great Lakes Commission...Funding is provided through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS).

**Summary:** Funded programs range from information/education programs to physical measures designed to reduce erosion and improve water quality.

**Eligibility:** Non-profit agencies in the Great Lakes Basin.

**How Much:** Grants have been awarded for up to \$36,000.

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.glc.org/basin/>

**Tipmont REMC Envirowatts Trust**

**Administered:** Tipmont REMC

**Summary:** Provide funds to support environmental projects and activities in surrounding communities.

**Eligibility:** Local groups working on environmental projects.

**Application Deadlines:** 4 cycles (3rd Monday of December/March/June/September).

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.tipmont.org/Services/envirowatts.htm>



### **Re-Grants**

**Administered:** CS Mott Foundation

**Summary:** This Program is designed to help staff members, board members, and volunteers develop skills important to their duties with river and watershed organizations. Funding is used to cover travel expenses and/or registration fees for selective river training opportunities.

**Eligibility:** Non Profit organizations, watershed staffs, volunteers in the Great Lakes Basin.

**How Much:** \$300-\$500

**Web pages/links:** [http://www.rivernetnetwork.org/howwecanhelp/index.cfm?doc\\_id=95](http://www.rivernetnetwork.org/howwecanhelp/index.cfm?doc_id=95)

### **National Fish and Wildlife Foundation**

**Administered:** National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

**Summary:** Nonprofit, established by Congress 1984, awards challenge grants for natural resource conservation. Federally appropriated funds are used to match private sector funds. Six program areas include wetland conservation, conservation education, fisheries, migratory bird conservation, conservation policy, and wildlife habitat.

**Web pages/links:** <http://www.nfwf.org>

### **Hoosier Riverwatch Water Quality Monitoring Equipment**

**Administered:** Hoosier Riverwatch

**Summary:** Grant provides equipment for participating in the statewide volunteer stream-monitoring program.

**Eligibility:** Schools, government agencies, non-profit organizations

**How Much:** Up to \$500 worth of water quality testing equipment.

**Application Deadline:** March 15

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.in.gov/dnr/riverwatch/vsm/grant.html>

### **Core Four Alliance Grants**

**Summary:** Grants are provided to alliances throughout the country implementing programs that will advance the Core 4 Conservation Campaign to realize better soil, cleaner water, greater profits for agriculture, and a brighter future for all of us.

**Eligibility:** Alliances promoting Core 4 Campaign.

**How much:** Up to \$2500 with a dollar for dollar match from non-federal funds.

**Application Deadline:** May 31

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.ctic.purdue.edu/Tammy/Application.pdf>

### **General Matching Grants Program**

**Administered:** National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

**Summary:** Funding for projects that address priority actions promoting fish, wildlife, plants and the habitats on which they depend.

**Eligibility:** Federal, tribal, state, local governments, education institutions, non-profit, and conservation organizations.

**How Much:** \$10,000 - \$150,000. The match is 1:1 federal to non-federal.

**Web Pages/Links:** <http://www.nfwf.org/programs/guidelines.htm>